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Band Seeks Support

Dear Editor,

Hi! My name is Drew. I'm contacting you because I'm in a band over in England. We've been together for over five years now and we have quite a lot under our belts. Several people in your home state have our single and we have been booked for gigs all over Sacramento and San Francisco. Someone in one of your local bands arranged this. She loves our stuff and apparently so does half her college, so now we are coming out on our own money. She arranged a back line and we will be there from September 5 for however long it takes.

Now I know this might seem forward, but I think you would really like our stuff. The band is called The Ouija Problem and we were voted second best band in Europe. We beat 1,600 bands in a competition in Germany. We also have contacts with the main men of Ernie Ball Guitars & Strings in Los Angeles and they are very keen to get us over there. So if you fancy getting us some publicity then let us know.

Tom
The Ouija Problem
TheOuijaProblem.com

KVIE Appreciates Coverage

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you for including information about KVIE's broadcast of *In the Life*, in a recent edition of MGW. I appreciate your support!

Here are a few more programs of interest to your readers: Elton John in concert and *Kindred Spirits: Healing Your Pet Naturally*. If you have any questions or would like an electronic image, please feel free to give me a call. Have a great week!

Sheryl Gonzalez
Publicist, KVIE Channel 6
Sacramento, CA

Happy Birthday Linda!!

Dear Linda,

Our wish for you: May your birthdays be more numerous than there are stars in the Milky Way. Have an out of this world birthday and a star-studded year.

Gary & Will
The Postcard Queens

Linda's Note: The postcard had pictures of space from the Hubble Telescope... Do you think there is a deeper meaning???

Appeal For Bi-National Couples

Dear Editor,

I'm asking for your personal and immediate help on a Congressional bill that directly affects my life.

I have lived with my partner, a German citizen, for the past eight years. When his work visa expired in February 2000, he had to leave the U.S. As you can imagine, this forced separation has caused us both a great deal of emotional pain and financial hardship. Our situation is not unlike that affecting thousands of other same gender bi-national couples around the country.

Among heterosexual bi-national couples, U.S. citizens can marry their foreign partners and then apply to the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) for immigration permission (a "green card") for their partner. Because same sex marriage is not yet legal, this option is closed to me and Bernd and thousands of others.

To remedy this, on February 14, 2001, N.Y. Congressman Jerrold Nadler, who describes current U.S. policy of forced separation of bi-national same sex couples as "gratuitously cruel," introduced a bill (HR 690 - Permanent Partners Immigration Act) to allow gay and lesbian citizens to sponsor their foreign partners for U.S. immigration. If this bill passes, more

than 60,000 people could benefit by petitioning for their partners.

Please write a letter to your Congressperson in Washington now and ask them to support HR690, the Permanent Partners Immigration Act. Write a second letter to your U.S. Senator urging him/her to introduce a companion bill in the Senate. To find out who your Congressperson and Senator are call 202-224-3121.

Key points to mention when contacting your Representative include:

a. Thirteen nations allow their gay/lesbian citizens to sponsor their foreign partners for immigration (Canada, Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, France, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, New Zealand, Belgium, Finland, Iceland, and Sweden). There's no reason for the U.S. to lag behind in recognizing basic human rights for its gay citizens.

b. Alan Greenspan officially supports increased immigration as a key to keeping our economy booming. He favors increasing "the H1B cap," the number of work permits that allow foreigners to work here for a specific time. Because many partners of gays are here on this type of permit, allowing them to come in under the Permanent Partners

Immigration Act would free up additional H1B work permits.

c. The INS purports to promote family unity. It is important that the agency include families of gay and lesbian U.S. citizens, giving them the same rights in immigration matters as heterosexual families enjoy. To track this bill's progress, or to see the wording, log on to thomas.loc.gov/ and search for "HR 690."

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this extremely important request, and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Tim Sally
San Francisco, CA

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UNDER THE DOMES

Remembering A Lost Child

By Colin Brownlee
MGW Guest Writer

Below is an excerpt from a four-page letter written by Hamed Nastoh, a fourteen-year-old boy that committed suicide because classmates teased and bullied him thinking he was gay.

His words were way too powerful to not share. They were printed in the February 1, 2001 edition of *The Vancouver Sun*. Transcribing this was not easy.

"Dear Mom & Dad:

The first thing is, I love you Mom and Dad, but you didn't understand why I had to commit suicide.

There was so much going on and I tried to cope with it, but couldn't take it anymore....

It was horrible. Everyday, I was teased and teased, everyone

calling me gay, fag, queer and I would always act like it did not bug me....

But I was crying inside me. It hurt me so bad, because I wasn't gay. And when people said it, my own friends never backed me up. They just laughed. I would pray to God every night for everyone to stop saying that.

I know that you are going to miss me and that you will never forgive me, but you will never understand. You weren't living my life. I hate myself for doing this to you. I really, really hate myself, but there is no other way out for me.

Sure, I could have taken a gun and shot everyone in the head... but what would the point be?

I know I left my room messy. You can clean it if you want, but please don't sell or throw anything away. Even though I won't be there, I still want that room. It

has to be my room.... I love you Mom and Dad. Please, please tell the people at school why I did this. I do not want somebody else to do what I have done.

Mom, after my death, please, please go to the schools and talk to kids that bullying and teasing has big consequences. And tell them to please stop crying. That's just my only wish and I hope people will miss me. Please visit my grave often, so I am not lonely."

Those not familiar with the story behind this story, these are the last words from a kid that was a victim of homophobic taunts. Right after his death, his mother made a statement to the press that, "He was not gay. Being gay went against everything that we taught him and believe in." The family is of an Indo-Canadian background. She also explained that after a gay teacher suggested Hamed was not

heterosexual, she insisted that he be punished. As you can imagine, if Hamed was gay, he would not have a place to seek support in school nor from his family, friends, or religion. Discussion of his sexuality was not really an option.

What we do know is that just being suspected of being gay in high school can be severe that many, like Hamed, feel compelled to take their own life because they have no where to turn.

I was also a recipient of taunts, bullying, and homophobic violence in high school. I am very passionate about this issue. Even though it was over twenty years ago, I still carry some scars.

I urge you to send his words far and wide. Maybe if we appeal to the compassion of parents, teachers, school boards, religious leaders, media, and governments we can begin to put an end to this endless cycle of misery that we are inflicting on our youth. ▼

Koretz Announces Family Protection Plan

SACRAMENTO, CA — Assemblymember Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) introduced AB 1338, "The California Family Protection Act." It is a Vermont-like civil union bill aimed at correcting the imbalance between same sex and heterosexual couples. It will provide increased rights and responsibilities for at least 400,000 families.

"The bill is about equality. This bill is about preserving basic rights. This bill is about protecting and encouraging strong and stable families," said Koretz. "Same sex couples who choose to make a lifetime commitment to each other should not be discriminated against and should not be deprived of the same rights, protections, and benefits that are granted to different sex couples who are legally able to marry. They should also be held accountable for the same responsibilities as opposite sex couples."

AB 1338 states, in part, "Despite longstanding social and economic discrimination, many lesbian and gay Californians have formed lasting, committed, and caring relationships with persons of the same sex... The state's interest in encouraging close and caring families, promoting stable and lasting family relationships, and protecting all family members from the economic and social consequences of abandonment, divorce, and the death of loved ones applies equally strongly to families formed by same sex couples as families formed by different sex couples."

Organization support of the bill includes Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, American Civil Liberties Union of Northern and Southern California, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Info. 319-2142 ▼

Annual Family Awareness Week Announced

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA — All Our Families Coalition will present the third annual GLBT Family Awareness Week from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, April 1.

Workshops scheduled include Putting a Face on Lesbian and Gay Families, Making School a Safer Place for Children Starting Kindergarten, and Legalizing

Lesbian and Gay Families. Representatives from Assemblywoman Carole Migden's office will provide domestic partnership registration forms and information at most events. The week will close with a Thank You Tea Party and donor reception hosted by Paula Ryan. Info. 415-681-1960, AllOurFamilies.org ▼

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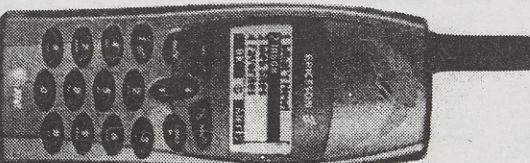
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Charitable Choice Plan Faces Mixed Reactions

WASHINGTON D.C. — George W. Bush has initiated Charitable Choice, a plan that would allow government funding of religious organizations that provide social services. John Ashcroft originally drafted the plan during his term as Senator. Critics believe it violates Constitutional separations of church and state as well as allowing race, religion, and sexual orientation based discrimination.

Under current guidelines, religious organizations can receive government funding as long as they do not discriminate or actively promote religion. Although the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment prohibits federal funding of sectarian institutions, Bush would like to forgo their decision and allow it.

Most religious institutions are exempt from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, so they are allowed to hire

and fire employees based on religious beliefs. Charitable Choice would not change this policy, so government funded agencies could select employees and service recipients solely on religion. It would also allow federal officials to decide which faiths to recognize and the amount selected faiths should receive. This power, many claim, the government should not have.

Ann Mulligan, States Legislative Coordinator for Americans United for Separation of Church and State fears Charitable Choice would produce negative results in social services across the nation. "Charitable Choice... [subjects] houses of worship to government rules and regulations that will inevitably follow taxpayer dollars," she said.

"In addition, by funding social services that may already be performed with voluntary contributions," she

continued, "Charitable Choice could cause such contributions to diminish if the religious institution receives public dollars to provide the services. This would make the religious institution dependent on the government for money."

Additionally Mulligan believes it would transform religious ministries into government administrative centers. This may lead to the termination of certain benefits and reporting on individuals served. "It would undermine the traditional role of religion as prophetic critic of government," she said. "Like every other government-subsidized group, religion will be less likely to bite the hand that feeds it." Info. 202-466-3234, au.org ▼

Senate Committee Passes James Byrd Jr. Act

AUSTIN, TX — The Senate Committee on Criminal Justice approved the **James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act**, a measure designed to prevent crimes motivated by prejudice. In a 5-1 vote, the committee advanced the Act, Senate Bill 87. **Senators Kenneth Armbrister** (D-Victoria), **Mike Moncrief** (D-Fort Worth), **Steve Ogden** (R-Bryan), **Royce West** (D-Dallas), and **John Whitmire** (D-Houston) supported the legislation. **Senator Teel Bivins** (R-Amarillo) voted against the Act. Senator

Todd Staples (R-Palestine) chose to not vote.

"I applaud the senators, courage in continuing to fight for the James Byrd Hate Crimes Act and ultimately for the citizens of Texas," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, Executive Director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. "This 5-1 vote shows great momentum behind the Act. I am hopeful that all senators stand with this committee in sending a message to our entire state and the country that that the terrorization any group of citizens because of hate will not be tolerated in Texas."

The committee's decision was an about-face from last session when it killed the Byrd Act after its passing the House. Critics believe George W. Bush played a key role in its failure.

Apprendi v. New Jersey found that the hate-based motive must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt in order to enhance penalties. The Byrd Act contains specific language that suits the Court's standard.

Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Dallas) sponsored the Byrd Act. Byrd was a 49-year-old African American man that was dragged to death behind a pickup truck on June 7, 1998 in Jasper. The three men involved were found guilty of capital murder. Byrd's family feels that they were treated unfairly and rudely by Bush during the one meeting he granted them. Bush also refused to attend Byrd's funeral even though all Democratic lawmakers were present. Info. 512-474-5475 ▼

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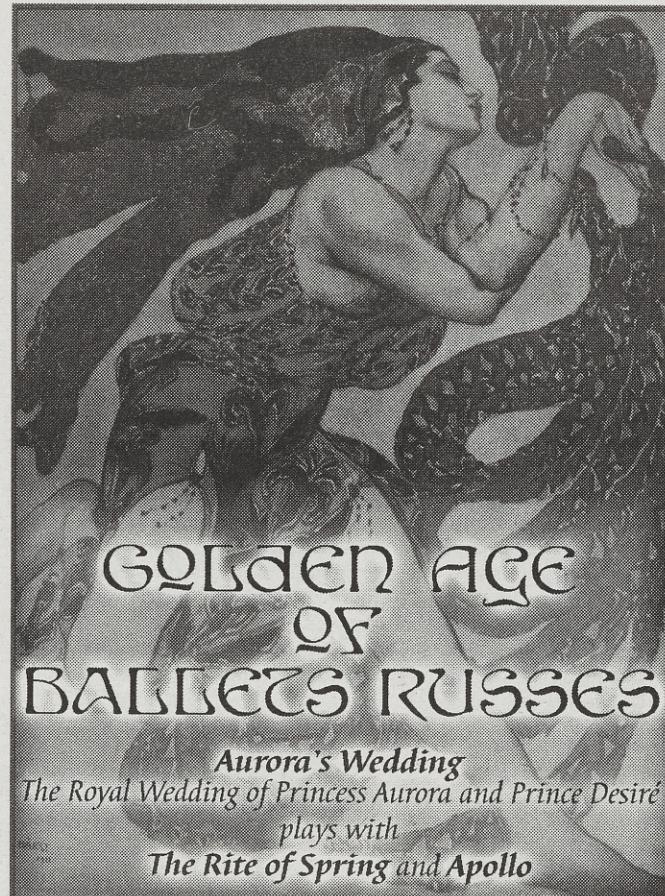
United Way Adds Discrimination Policy

SACRAMENTO, CA — The United Way recently passed an anti-discrimination resolution that included sexual orientation. Although officials claim the Boy Scouts Of America's (BSA) anti-GLBT and atheist policies are not being targeted, the new guidelines will prevent BSA from receiving United Way funding.

Organizations that receive United Way funding will not be asked to sign an agreement, but instead will be trusted to enforce the new policy. Anyone is welcome to submit a complaint if they feel an agency has shown discriminatory behavior.

Local BSA chapters should not be adversely affected by the financial cut. Chapters will still receive payroll deductions made through the United Way. Most of BSA's \$3 million annual budget comes from direct donations. Info. 929-1417, gec-bsa.org ▼

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Rhode Island Lawmaker Comes Out

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PROVIDENCE, RI — Representative Nancy Hetherington (D-Cranston) made history when she came out as a lesbian recently. She is the state's first openly LGBT legislator. She acknowledged her sexual orientation while writing a commentary for the *Providence Journal* supporting civil unions. Representatives David Cicilline (D-Providence) and Michael Pisaturo (D-Cranston) have also admitted to being gay during this session.

"Nancy Hetherington deserves enormous credit for her courageous

willingness to tap into the positive power of coming out in the legislative workplace," said Victory Fund Executive Director Brian K. Bond. "As more gay and lesbian incumbents are coming out, more are finding that honesty really is the best policy. Voters respect and re-elect public servants who are true to themselves while tackling the issues of concern to their constituents."

First elected in 1994, Hetherington has become known as an advocate for adult education, welfare, health care, and people with

disabilities. She is an ordained Methodist minister, a professional social worker, and member of the House of Representatives' Health, Education, and Welfare Committee.

According to the Victory Fund, there are now forty-three openly GLBT state legislators serving in twenty-one states. This is an increase from thirty-five GLBT lawmakers last year. Info. 401-461-4533, rep-hetherington@rilin.state.ri.us ▼

BSA Policies Exposed On Film

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — *Bay Area Reporter's* David Batterson reported that *Scout's Honor* recently won the Playboy Foundation's Freedom of Expression Award and Sundance Film Festival's Audience Award. Tom Shepard and D. Stuart Harrison directed and produced the documentary on the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) anti-GLBT guidelines. *Scout's Honor* features commentary from people that have been fired from BSA positions after disclosing their GLBT sexual orientation. The film also tells the stories of James Dale, a

gay man that sued BSA for discrimination after he was expelled and twelve-year-old Petaluma resident Steven Cozza, founder of Scouting For All.

Shepard spent three years filming the documentary and researching ex-BSA members. He believes, "the film really looks at what happens when gay and straight people come together with a common purpose: to expunge prejudice."

Info. PlayboyEnterprises.com ▼

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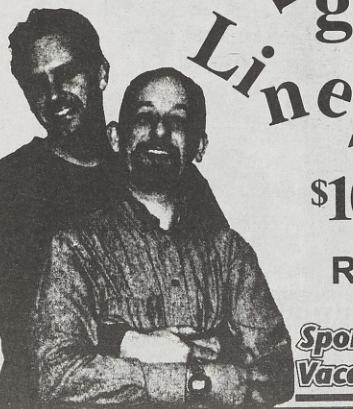
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PFAW Creates Coalition of Coalitions

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WASHINGTON D.C. — People For The American Way (PFAW) began a "Fair Taxes For All" coalition to influence the Bush Administration's proposed surplus spending plan. Lead by PFAW President Ralph G. Neas and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees member Jerry McEntee, the group hopes to influence Bush to devote more government funding to public education, health care, and campaign finance reform. Fair Taxes For All member organizations include AFL-CIO, National Council of Women's Organizations, and Gay, Lesbian And Straight Education Network among almost 500 others.

"We're fighting for lower and middle income working families, for children, for seniors, for people of color and people with disabilities, for women. We're here to fight for every American who expects our government to play fair and to act responsibly," said Neas. "We're here because the tax cut proposals that we heard from President Bush two nights ago are anything but fair - anything but fiscally responsible."

Bush's proposed tax cuts favor the rich at the expense of everyone else."

PFAW's examination of the ten-year plan would offer the most wealthy 1% of Americans an average tax cut of \$45,000 annually. About 6 million middle class families would receive an average of \$501 annually. The poorest 22% of Americans will not be affected by the plan at all. People who earn too little to pay income taxes, but do pay payroll taxes, will also not be affected. Info. 202-467-4999, pfa.org ▼

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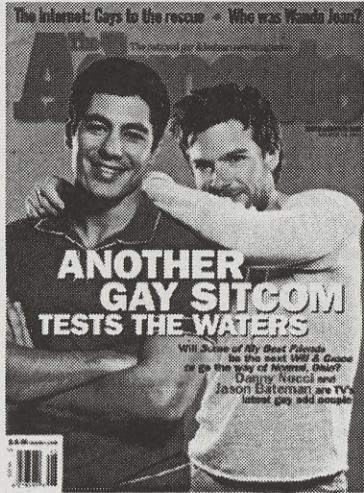
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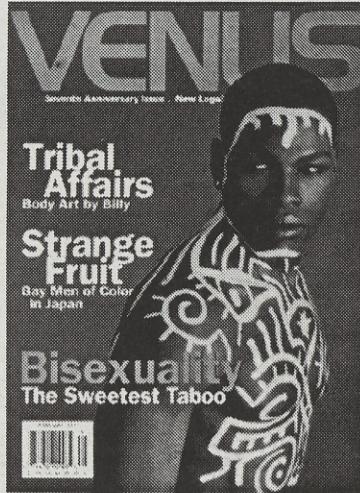
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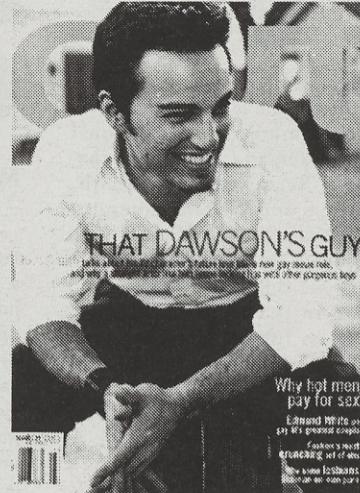
Jason Bateman and **Danny Nucci** take the cover to promote new LGBT sitcom *Some of My Best Friends*. The program debuted on CBS in February. Gay Air Force scholarship recipient **John Hensala** reports on his fight against government officials that want him to repay the award. *The Mole* star **Jennifer Biondi** discusses coming out on national television. **Chris Bull** examines the role LGBT Republicans will play in the Bush administration. Lesbian **Kate Hutton**, better known as "That Earthquake Lady," reports on



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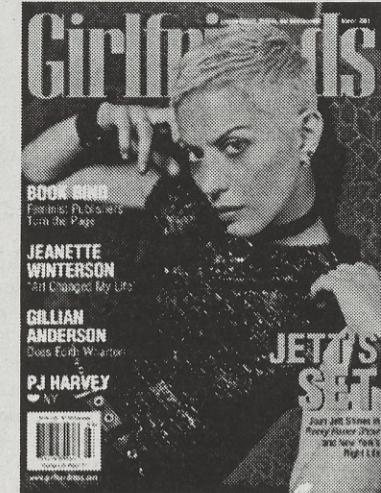
The latest issue combines the best of small appliances, technology in fashion, and the beginning of HIV vaccine trials in South Africa. **S. Van de Zee** explains why Harlem resident **Reverend Kennedy** is "The Gayest Great-Grandmother In Town." Photographer **Lanna R. Lawrence** covered The Mautner Project's Healing Works Conference and Tenth Anniversary Gala. World-renowned artist **Billy** painted models **Domínguez** and **Rokhaya Sine** for the cover and inside photo spread. ▼



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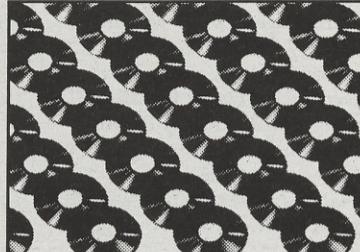
Columnist **Chelsey Johnson** explains why some lesbians love gay porn. *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*'s Tony Award winner **Kristin Chenoweth** discusses her new sitcom *Kristin*. **Lisa Kennedy** reports on Wonder Woman's new artist **Phil Kimenez**. **Jolyon Helterman** reviews **Mark Morris**'s dance performance, *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*. A new coffee table book by photographer **Christopher Sams** details the life of New York City club kids. Richard Edwards designers **Edward Pavlick** and **Richard Bengtsson** will debut his first full collection for women this month in Paris. ▼



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Joan Jett moves to Broadway in a remake of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Author **Jeanette Winterson** overcomes her religious upbringing to come out lesbian. **Kathleen Wilkinson** interviews employees of Firebrand Books, Naiad Press, and Feminist Bookstore exposing universal issues the women owned companies face. Photographer **Dawn Kish** shares some of her black and white pictures of Vietnam. **Beth Greenfield** reviews her vacation in Barcelona. ▼



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By Ed Kelley

MGW Staff



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What are your favorite places to go in Sacramento besides bars to meet people?



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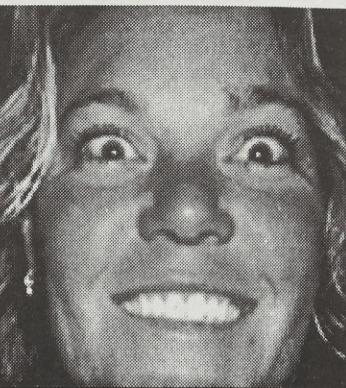
Do you have any leads for gay and lesbian friendly employers that offer domestic partner benefits?



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Are you single?



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If gays have to pay the same taxes as heterosexuals, then why don't we have the same rights?

Inclusive Religious Workshop Scheduled

SACRAMENTO, CA - On Tuesday, May 1, Pioneer Congregational Church (2700 L Street) and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (2620 Capitol Avenue) will co-host a workshop titled "God's Love/Our Journey." It begins at 9am. Seminars in the workshop include "Continuing Conversation with Dr. Tolbert," "Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)," and "Pastoral Care with the GLBT." **Mary Ann Tolbert** and **George H. Atkinson** are also scheduled to speak on GLBT people and religion. Info. 456-7225, 927-2624 ▼

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Sacramento Transsexual Joins GLSEN

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) announced that community organizers **Dana Rivers** and **Zita Marla Arochs** have been elected to their board of directors.

"GLSEN is thrilled to have these two dynamic organizers join our team," said GLSEN Executive Director **Kevin Jennings**. "Their expertise and tireless dedication to social justice will help GLSEN to better represent our diverse membership and improve the conditions for every student in every school, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

Rivers, a male to female transsexual, receive national

attention in 1999 when she was forced to resign from her teaching position at Center High School. She has since become a speaker and advocate for gender diversity and transgender rights. "As a transsexual woman and educator, I know that GLSEN's proactive, safe schools curriculum is changing the lives of GLBT students and staff all over the country," said Rivers.

A career media specialist, Arochs has served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. "I am honored to have been appointed to this board," she said. "I fully believe in the mission of reaching out to young GLBT people and giving them the support they need to be who they are." Info. 212-727-0135, glsen.org ▼

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SACRAMENTO, CA - Gay And Lesbian Sierrans (GLS), an activity section of the Sierra Club will host a snowshoe hike on Saturday, March 25 near Highway 50 or Interstate 80, depending on weather conditions. On Saturday, March 31 GLS and California Native Plant Society will lead a tour of natural and recreated vernal pools at Twelve Bridges in Placer County. On Sunday, April 1 GLS members will lead a hike along Redbud Trail searching for bald eagles. Info. 733-2102, motherlode.sierraclub.org/gls ▼



Youth Film Makers Wanted

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SACRAMENTO, CA - The Esquire IMAX Theatre has announced a new partnership with Tower of Youth, a non-profit promoting youth involvement in

entertainment, art, and digital movie making. IMAX will host the fifth annual Teen Digital Reel Showcase and Awards on Sunday, April 29. Speakers, show, and awards begin at 12pm. The six county invitational competition will

showcase digital videos made by groups of high school students. Past winners have continued to study film at University of California, Davis, Cosumnes River College, and CSUS. Info. 446-2333, imax.com/sacramento ▼

Gay Man Earns Secretary Of State Award

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - Juan Ramos, a Document Preservation Technician working for the California State Archives Preservation and Conservation Lab, was recently named Secretary of State Employee of the Year making him the first openly GLBT and Latino person to win this award. He is responsible for the repair, restoration, and preservation of state historical documents, books, and artifacts as well as maintaining exhibits and public display windows at the Golden State Museum and Secretary of State building.

Secretary of State Bill Jones established the Employee Recognition Program in 2000. Each quarter an employee is nominated. Of the four, one is chosen as Employee of the Year. Selection is based on attitude, customer focus, articulation, sense of the mission of the Secretary of State, and creative thinking.

Ramos has lived in Sacramento since 1985. He competed and won medals in the Physique competition of the 1986 and 1990 Gay Games. He appeared in the Lambda Player's production of *Love! Valour! Compassion!* His partner, John Hancock, manages the California Channel. Info. 653-7715, ss.ca.gov ▼

Lesbians Wanted For Survey

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - Denise Heitler, a lesbian graduate student at CSUS is seeking lesbians to participate in her thesis project titled "The Needs of Lesbians in the Sacramento Area." Lesbians are invited to answer a survey focusing on issues of social services, the judicial system, and job discrimination. Participants may remain anonymous. Write to P.O. Box 660396, Sacramento, CA 95866. Info. djheitler@cs.com ▼

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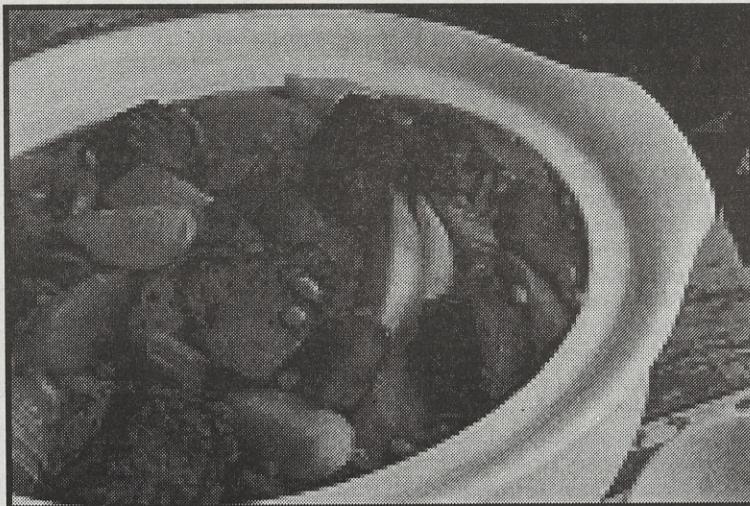
By Randy Hartley
MGW Staff

I love ethnic foods and restaurants. Fortunately, the Sacramento area has an excellent variety of good Italian, Mexican, and Asian restaurants, among many others, to choose from. The foods and atmospheres created by restaurant owners set the mood and help celebrate the different traditions of the countries their recipes and styles of cooking.

Not too long ago, a good friend introduced me to Café Vienna, our area's only Austrian/German restaurant serving authentic cuisine from Austria and Germany.

Entering through an impressive buffet area (used for lunch and special occasions) the dining room is warm, clean, well appointed and spacious. The tables are large and set beautifully. It is punctuated with catchy Austrian and German melodies playing around you and can sometimes cause you to dance in place at your table.

While service and speed are not the forte of Café Vienna, all is forgiven when the food starts to flow. Breads are meted out as though they were the precious part of the meal, a concept foreign to most restaurants, but they are fresh,



interesting and filling.

The entrees are varied and include German beef rouladen, sauerbraten, Hungarian goulash and paprika chicken, bratwurst, spatzle, sweet and sour red cabbage, German potato pancakes, sausage dinners and steaks as well as many other tasty dishes. Price range \$11.95 through \$18.95.

We started with the European salad (Germanic-style) of shredded carrots, pickled cucumbers, tomato

perfectly blended and was served with spatzle (a fresh egg based Austrian pasta) and sweet and sour red cabbage.

The center-cut pork chop was baked in a special rosemary-wine sauce and was served with potato dumplings, sweet and sour red cabbage and fabulous apple fritters. The pork was moist, tender and among one of the best I have eaten.

Desserts include apple strudel and fritters, black forest chocolate

cake, and hazel nut torte just to name a few. The apple fritters are a must for at least one person at the table and the other choices must be seen, if not shared.

A complete and appropriate beer and wine selection is available. Coffees are fresh and are served in classic mugs.

Ivonne Morgan, owner and chef prepares all dishes from scratch using many family recipes in one of the largest, cleanest and best outfitted kitchens I have ever seen in a local restaurant.

You will love the style of cuisine. You will love Café Vienna!

Lunch buffet is served M-F, 11am - 2pm. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5-9pm, Friday and Saturday 5-10pm. Dinner reservations are recommended.

Café Vienna also is available for banquets and has Saturday (usually the first Saturday of the month) dine and dance nights that include a sumptuous dinner buffet for \$23.00 per person. Dinner for two about \$50.00 ▼

Café Vienna
1229 Merkley Avenue,
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ViennaTonight.com

Preserve Our History!

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Lavender Library, Archives, And Cultural Exchange (LLACE) and the Oral History Project (OHP) are sponsoring a workshop on preserving GLBT history. The workshop will be held Monday, April 23 at 2pm. LLACE is located at 1414 21st Street.

OHP will collect and preserve the memories and stories of people that might otherwise be lost. The majority of recorded interviews document the life and work of GLBT people living in Northern California. Everyone is invited to submit information to OHP. Info. 415-777-5455, glbthistory.org ▼

Free Workshop For Lesbian Families

MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA - Positive Options (2400 Glendale Lane, Suite F) will present a workshop titled "Blended Families: A Lesbian Concern" on Saturday, March 24 at 1pm. The workshop will address challenges specific to lesbian couples that are creating their own families. Issues including the role of the other mother, acceptance with extended families and schools, and problems children may face will be addressed. A panel of lesbian mothers will facilitate the workshop. Info. 723-7849 ▼

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The Revenge of Ripley

FILM -

You haven't heard the last of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. John Malkovich takes over from Matt Damon in the upcoming film version of Patricia Highsmith's third Ripley novel, *Ripley's Game*. Filming in Venice, the picture is set twenty years after the events in *The Talented Mr. Ripley* and has Tom married and living in French estate. A personal slight at a social function, brings on Ripley's wrath forcing him to seek revenge. When a friend, played by Dougray Scott (*Mission Impossible II*) asks for his help in committing murder, Ripley decides to include the offending party in the scenario. Effectively killing two birds with one plot. Could *Ripley Meets Andy Hardy* be far behind? **▼▼▼**

Despite Kip Pardue's performance as a gay guy forced to attend heterosexual training camp in the movie *But I'm A Cheerleader*, he's still not a household name. A well-deserved career boost is at hand, as the young actor stars opposite Sylvester Stallone in the April 27 release, *Driven*. As a hot shot champion race driver on the edge, Pardue is paired

with a former race champ, Stallone, who helps him get his life and career back on track. The picture was directed by Renny Harlin (*Die Hard 2*) and costars Burt Reynolds, Stacy Edwards (Kathy Bates' lover in *Primary Colors*), Gina Gershon (*Showgirls*), Robert Sean Leonard (*In the Gloaming*) and Cristián de la Fuente (*Family Law*). **▼▼▼** Guy Pearce (*L.A. Confidential*) reteams with his producer from *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, Al Clark for their next project. The film, a British black comedy called *Blood & Guts*, gets underway in July. **▼▼▼**

Writer John August has found great success as one of the many co-writers of the recent *Charlie's Angels* film. He is already attached as scribe for such upcoming film projects as the live action version of *Scooby Doo* starring Freddie Prinze Jr., a remake of *Barbarella* with Drew Barrymore in the title role, and the Steven Spielberg sci-fi thriller *Minority Report* featuring Tom Cruise. With such auspicious addition to his resume, add August's name to the list of most powerful gay movers and shakers in Hollywood. **▼▼▼** Ellen Burstyn (*That's Life*) is in the running for the

movie adaptation of the best-selling novel "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood." The Oscar winner would play Vivi, the mom of a neurotic playwright (isn't that superfluous?) who tries to repair their broken relationship. Shooting starts in the spring for Warner Brothers and first-time director Callie Khouri. You may recognize Khouri's name as writer and co-producer of *Thelma & Louise*. **▼▼▼** Gay producer/writer Kevin Williamson (*Dawson Creek*) is diving forward despite cancellation of his series *Wasteland* and the critically panned movie *Teaching Mrs. Tingle*. Williamson has partnered with Greg Berlanti (*Broken Hearts Club*) to write *Her Leading Man* for Outerbanks Entertainment, who also brought us *Broken Hearts Club*. **▼▼▼**

THEATRE -

It takes one to know one. Gay playwright Edward Albee looks at the life of gay playwright Federico Garcia Lorca with his latest dramatic production, scheduled for a late 2001 premiere. In addition to his notoriety as a left-wing poet and playwright, Lorca was a Spanish left-winger who was murdered by Franco sympathizers during the Spanish Civil War. Lorca's theatrical works include *Blood Wedding* and *The House of Bernarda Alba*. **▼▼▼** The Roundabout Theatre company's revival of James Goldman and Stephen Sondheim's *Follies* looks like one of the theatrical events of the decade. Directed by Matthew Warchus (*True West*) and choreographed by Kathleen Marshall (*Kiss Me Kate*) the show begins previews at the Belasco Theatre on March 8, with an official opening planned for April 5. This production will star Blythe Danner (*Meet The Parents*), Gregory Harrison (*It's My Party*), Judith Ivey (*Mystery, Alaska*), Betty Garrett (*Laverne & Shirley*), Polly Bergen (*Cry-Baby*), and Treat Williams (*The Ritz*). **▼▼▼** Did you miss out on *Dame Edna: The Royal Tour* when it played San Francisco

last year. If so, you have another chance when the show comes to L.A.'s Shubert Theatre this spring. The critically and audience acclaimed one-man/woman comedy starring Barry Evans opens May 15 for two weeks though an extension is probable. **▼▼▼**

TELEVISION -

Lesbian screenwriter Jane Anderson (*If These Walls Could Talk 2*) has *When Billie Beat Bobby* as her latest project. The Emmy Award winner helms this retelling of the 1972 battle of the sexes tennis match between **Bobby Riggs** and **Billy Jean King**. The lead roles were cast with Holly Hunter as Billie Jean and Ron Silver (*Reversal of Fortune*) as Bobby, plus Elizabeth Berridge (*Amadeus*), Kali Rocha (*Object of My Affection*), Jacqueline McKenzie (*Under the Lighthouse Dancing*) and Caitlin Martin as Chris Evert. **▼▼▼**

Shooting has begun on a new NBC series, which is yet, one more spin off, titled *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. **Vincent D'Onfrio** (*The Velocity of Gary*) plays a detective with a psychology background who works to solve the department's most difficult and puzzling crimes. If this works it can only lead to limitless possibilities such as *Law & Order on Gilligan's Island*, *Law & Order: Meet the Bradys*, and *Survivors of Law & Order*. **▼▼▼**

Patrick Stewart (*Jeffrey*) has signed for an updated version of **Shakespeare's "King Lear"** called *Boss Lear* for TNT and Hallmark Entertainment. A far cry from Elizabethan England, *Boss Lear* takes place in Texas during the 19th century Mexican revolt. As *Boss Lear*, Stewart plays a powerful ranch owner when filming begins in April South of the border. The former Captain of the Enterprise will produce the telefilm with wife **Wendy Neuss** and **Robert Halmi**. **▼▼▼**

FOX is considering a half-hour comedy pilot starring **Johnny Galecki** (*The Opposite of Sex*) as grocery store clerk trying to pursue his dream to become a

concert cellist. The show, called *Bagtime*, comes from Executive Producer **Bruce Helford** (*The Drew Carey Show*) and is based on the 1977 book by **Bob Greene** and **Paul Galloway**, taken from a series of *Chicago Sun-Times* articles. ******* **Sissy Spacek** is reunited with her mother from the film *Carrie*, **Piper Laurie** in the original Lifetime cable movie *Midwives*. The project is based on the best-selling book by **Chris Bohjalian**, stars **Peter Coyote** (*Erin Brockovich*) with **Terry Kinney** (*Oz*) and looks at a midwife who finds herself charged with the tragic death of one of her patients. **▼▼▼**

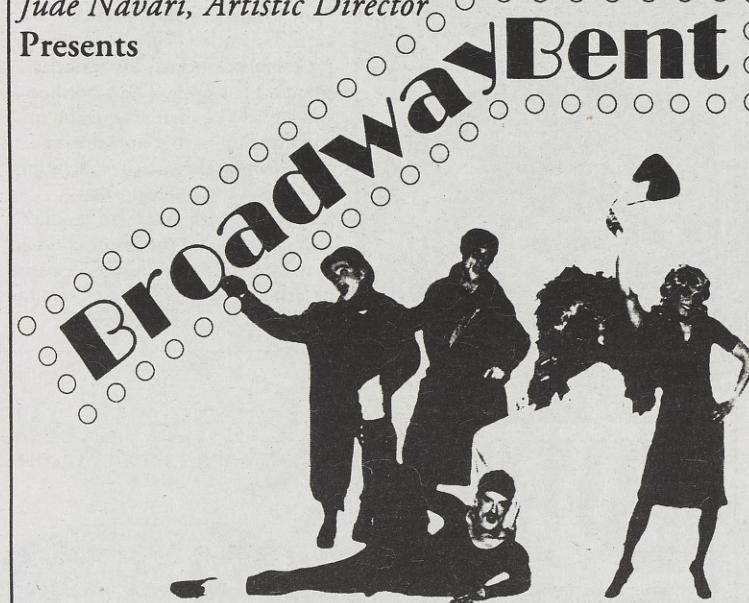
MISC. -

The Rock And Roll Hall of Fame And Museum will induct new members to its austere roster in a formal New York ceremony, March 19. Among this year's inductees are Aerosmith, **Paul Simon**, British rockers **Queen**, and US queen **Michael Jackson**. You wanna bet they'll have someone special to present Michael his award? How about **Gary Coleman**, **Emmanuel Lewis**, or **Macauley Culkin**. Actually, I think Macauley has surpassed the 'You must be this tall to ride Michael' rule. ******* UK residents get a look at **Sheridan Morley's** new biography on the late great Sir John Gielgud this month while US readers will have to wait until next year to get it locally. Morley, son of actor **Robert Morley**, spent ten years on the authorized biography which includes amazing details about Gielgud's life as well as that of **Alec Guinness**. *******

MISC. -

The art and furnishings from late fashion designer, **Gianni Versace's** Miami palazzo will go on auction April 5-7. Sothebys estimates the collection to be worth between \$5-7 million. A December 1999 auction of Picasso owned by Versace brought over \$17 million. Remember, you can't find this on e-Bay and it's never to early to start your Christmas shopping. **▼**

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meeting focusing on their community's specific health issues...An all-day massage workshop for same-sex couples was held by **Gene Valeboe** and **Maryanne Larned**...**Dr. Marty Rogers** advised a gay man to confront his cheating partner...The Steam Works billed itself as "A Place To Be Free!"...**Mark Whisler** offered tax help...Guitarist, songwriter, and feminist **Ellen Alford** performed at Sacramento State University with flutist and composer **Kay Gardner**...**Dignity/Sacramento** invited everyone to their Sunday services....**Earhart's Café** was located at 1905 S Street...**The Delta's** played their first softball game of the season...**Roni Baker** organized another women's softball league at Curtis Park...**Allen L. Chamberlin, Tim Washburn, Jody Fenimore, Jan Rudolf, Charlotte Evans, and Jason Lindo** published several of their original poems in

MGW...G.N.I.E. presented Coronation '79 at The Woodlake Inn...**Royal Silver Lion** held their 1979-1980 election for emperor...**ATT Trophy Company** offered custom engraving, plaques, medals, and ribbons...**San Francisco Opera's** spring season featured *Death In Venice*, *Mary, Queen of Scots*, and *Traviata*...**McRea Opera House** presented **Theresa Trull, Nightingale Duo, Riverbank Blues Band, the Michael Greer Show, and Jim Lowe Trio**...**Lee Garland** performed at **Bojangles**...**Sophie Save Me**, written by **Mary Malden**, encouraged a woman to talk to another woman she was secretly attracted to...**National Organization for Women's Lesbian Task Force** held monthly meetings at **Sacramento Women's Center**...**Club Baths** completed construction of their twelve-foot square tiled spa pool, steam room, and showers. ▼



LLACE Hosts Art Exhibit

SACRAMENTO, CA - Original paintings by **Trina Sandress** and **Pat Dawson** will hang at Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange (LLACE) through March 31. The library is located at 1414 21st Street. Sandress and Dawson are two of several artists whose work has been featured by the LLACE this year. All artists are invited to contact the library if they would like to exhibit their work. Info. 492-0558, gaylelang2@aol.com ▼

Men's Chorus Bends Broad- way

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC) will present *Broadway Bent* on March 25, 30 and 31 at the Jean Runyon Little Theater of the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium (1515 J Street). Artistic director **Dr. Jude Navari** will lead SMC through selections ranging from 1920's *Showboat* to contemporary tunes from *Rent*. SMC's small performance group "Entourage" will also perform several songs. In June SMC will present *Colors*, a musical tribute to GLBT pride with a rainbow set. Info. 264-5181, SacMensChorus.org ▼

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LGB People With Siblings Wanted!

University LGB research team is looking for volunteers to complete a survey about how the lives of adult sisters and brothers are similar or different. To participate, please contact:
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Going Stag With Amy Ray

By Pam Huwig
MGW Guest Writer

Let me introduce you to a taste of some of the rawest, edgiest music to hit the studio lately - and to pass through Amy Ray's lips. *The Indigo Girls* are arguably one of the most contagious bands around. Lucky for us, their bond is strong enough to accommodate and encourage creative solo endeavors. And since the majority of *Indigo* fans are deeply devoted to the duo known as Emily and Amy, there is no doubt that Amy's first record on her own will be gobbled up by hungry fans - both established and new. Amy recently sat down with Technodyke to discuss *The Indigo Girls*, being on the road, and going stag.

How did you settle on the title?

I don't know, it just came to me one day before I even started working on the music. I had the title in my head, of what it would be to do a solo record. And I guess stag always conjures up images of a stag party and gender kind of issues. Going stag [laughs].

How would you define *Stag*?

I think punk is such a broad term. It's definitely punk in its sentiment, in its approach in every way. But musically, it's got songs that are rock, and some folk. But I would say it's in the spirit of punk. That's what I'm drawing from more than anything else on the record.

You handpicked some outstanding musicians to collaborate on *Stag*. How did you decide which musicians you wanted to participate?

Whenever I've thought about doing a solo record, I just played around with it in my head, it was always, the seeds of it came from wanting to play with these bands that I was really into and record some of the stuff that we would create together. So, when I started thinking of a solo record, I was just like, "Well, rather than getting just one band that I go out and find, I'm already familiar with these bands and the way they play, so it would be easy to fit them into what I'm doing." When I'm writing, I know I can hear my influences; I can tell that it's definitely something *The Butchies* or someone influenced.

Does *Stag* mark your solo career, or will we be hearing more from *The Indigo Girls*?

The Indigo Girls are still going strong. I think it just marks another facet of what me and Emily do. We do separate, and we do stuff together, you know? *Stag* is very separate from *Indigo Girls*, but at the same time, my life is so, everything overlaps so much that it doesn't really feel exclusive to anything. I don't know if I'll make another solo record. If I have the songs and the time, I will, I'm sure. But Emily and I are going strong.

Has Emily heard the album yet? She likes it. She was very into it and responsive to it and had nothing but nice things to say about it.

Well, that's not really a surprise.

Right. Emily is totally supportive of my endeavors.

You have a handsome range of music on *Stag* - How did you come to write "Johnny Rottentail"?

It's in the tradition of Appalachian murder ballads and hanging ballads. There are a lot of songs from Appalachia that are stories

about people getting hung [laughs]. I think I was thinking in a fit of anger. But I was also thinking about what my own actions have to do with other people being assholes. It was during the time of the Columbine shootings, and a lot of things going on with bad, bad kids, you know? It always makes me think of what we all did to contribute to that - what is our responsibility?

How about "Hey Castrator"?

I don't know really where it came from lyrically. I was addressing a couple of different things - our own wrestling with the nature that's inside of us. The stereotypical male kind of nature, and what we attribute to that - like exploitation, possessiveness or objectivity. But I also was talking about the high school side of that - everything's always about sex [laughs]. It's my response to that.

Joan Jett sings on this one, right?

Right. I think Joan sings. She sings this other part that has nothing to do with anything [laughs] on the rest of the song. Except that the part she sings addresses the punky women's movement, and the revolutionary impact it's had. That song also asks questions about people becoming complacent.

So, we're all over the place in that song. Musically, it was contingent upon what the rhythm and the drums were doing and it was very apropos for Joan to come in and play rhythm guitar on it. She's a killer guitar player. Joan's part was something that I was thinking about putting on the end of the song, but I wasn't really sure about it. But because she agreed to sing on the song, I wanted to have something showcased.

Tell me a little about the other musicians who worked on the album.

Kate [Shellenbach] and Josephine [Wiggs] are two people I jam with off an on when I'm in New York just for fun. They're great players. I was really specific about choosing artists to participate. I started to get to know *The Butchies* a few years ago. Kaia [Wilson] had gotten in touch with me about possibly working with Daemon.

And even though they decided to put their first record out themselves, we all kept in touch, and they've toured with *The Indigo Girls* a lot in the past few years.

[*The Butchies*] definitely surprised me, because a song like "Laramie" didn't seem to be their style. But they wanted to give it a shot, and it was so good. Melissa's drum part on that song is really amazing. It's what I had in my mind. All I said to her about what I was looking for was something that's got the Neil Young feel but that still has a reggae thing happening - like something different like how *The Clash* would have done it. And then she just automatically did it - it was great.

On "Mts of Glory" you sing "Gonna miss being the boy, gonna miss being the man..." Do I even need to ask?

[Laughs] A lot of it is talking about gender issues. It's sort of my own wrestling with the part of me that really heavily identifies with men. In a relationship, I feel like the boy sometimes rather than the girl. We all wanna be both [laughs] - nobody wants to just be one thing.



After founding Daemon Records, *The Indigo Girls'* Amy Ray released her first solo album, titled *Stag*. It features the talents of Joan Jett, *The Butchies*, Kate Shellenbach, and Josephine Wiggs.

How did you when you started the label? It was supposed to be like the opposite of what it usually is - you usually see a human head and an animal legs. But, I thought Daemon was really the opposite of a lot of record labels. I wanted it to be more natural and untamed. I wanted it to be the vehicle that was more human made. One more thing: What do you think about good ol' George Dubya?

Oh, I think he's really terrible - very terrible.

Do you think he's sober?

[Laughs] Some of my friends don't think so, but I think he just slurs naturally. I think the only thing good about him is that he speaks Spanish [laughs].

What do you think is up with Ricky Martin playing at the White House? Does Ricky Martin really like him? People that get asked to go play at the White House and shit, they forget about their conscious. It's weird, it's like they're thinking 'I got asked to go to the White House, I don't care who's in office, I just want to go.' I love Ricky Martin and when I heard he was doing that, I was just like, 'What an idiot.' Maybe he just thinks it's good for his career [sighs]. Amy will be touring with *The Butchies* in April. Info. DaemonRecords.com. t

This was a specific breakup song, where it's like what's the thing I'm gonna miss most about the relationship, and it was kind of ironic. I'm in it pretty heavily with irony because I think was struggling with not wanting to feel like the boy all the time, but when it was taken away from me, I was like, 'Hey, wait a minute.' It's supposed to be a sexy, punky, you know, fuck you sort of song.

How is the big, bad press machine reacting to *Stag*?

We had one magazine get in touch with us last week. They got mad at us for asking for a record review when we didn't take an ad out with them.

Well, fuck, some would say that's unethical.

Yup. They said they couldn't believe we were asking for a review when we couldn't afford to take out an ad. And I was just like, 'Wow.' Advertising is expensive and we support as many magazines as we can through ad money. But we can't do a lot of it. But they were pissed anyway.

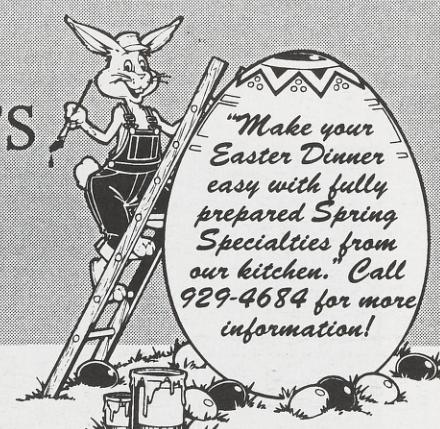
What gives?

I think media and radio, and probably book publishing too, are going through very parallel situations where it's consolidated to a few owners and the advertisers are pouring in money systematically in a certain way that the magazines or radio responds to. So, in a sense the advertisers are running it. But, not really, I mean, an editor or magazine publisher will say to you 'Well, we can't put this on the cover because the advertisers say it doesn't sell and they won't fund us.' But I think there's a big lack of courage somewhere to stand up and take a risk sometimes - We have a lot of really bland music magazines because they don't. The

Rolling Stone, and *Spin* that have sort of turned into following the trends and responding to the charts.

As most everyone knows, you released *Stag* on your self-founded record label, Daemon. How did you get Daemon off the ground? I started it myself. I had a lot of energy back then I guess. Everyday I'd wake up and make phone calls for about two hours - the radio tracking, retail, trying to get press and stuff. Tell me about the Daemon logo.

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Thunder Terror: Dealing With your Dog's Fear

By Randy Jamison

MGW Staff

By definition, thunder phobia is an exaggerated, almost irrational fear. Some dogs remain relatively calm in stormy weather, while others become severely affected. Other loud noises, such as fireworks or gunshots, will elicit the same reaction. As with human phobias, canine phobic behavior tends to worsen with time.

Dogs afraid of thunderstorms indicate it by looking uncomfortable, panting, and perhaps pacing. In time they may tremble and wake their owners at night, seeking



unattainable solace. Severely affected dogs will show frantic behavior, apparently trying to escape the thunder surrounding

them. If they are housed indoors, they will dig at windows and doorways to get out; if outdoors, they will destroy screens to

enter the house.

Unfortunately, treatment of your dog's fear is not as simple as exposing her to a CD of a rain forest or fireworks to desensitize her. Storms in particular involve much more than simple thunder. A respectable storm also comes with lightning, rain and wind, and plummeting barometric pressure, none of which can be adequately recreated for training. For this reason, severely phobic dogs are typically treated with anti-anxiety medication, either in

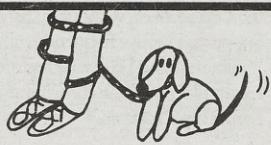
anticipation of storms or, in some geographic regions, for the entire thunderstorm season. In addition, it is helpful to avoid reassuring your dog while she acts nervous, because petting and soothing may be misinterpreted as praise. Instead, offer her a delicious chew treat that she sees only during storms, and encourage her to lie down in one spot. If the anxiety is severe, consult your veterinarian or a behavioral specialist. ▼



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Mass LGBT Wedding

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO - On Valentine's Day over 200 same-sex couples and activists held a mass wedding on the steps of the Palace of Fine Arts. More than 3,000 people witnessed the event. Some carried rainbow flags while others wore KKK hoods and swastikas in protest of the Roman Catholic Church's refusal to recognize LGBT people. Participants were also supporting a bill that would legalize same sex civil unions in the federal capital. Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera described the event as a "carnival" claiming that attendees were "confused" about their sexual orientation. Info. marriagequality.com ▼

Annual ComedyFest Reported

SOUTHFIELD, MI - The fifth annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay ComedyFest will be held Saturday, March 17 beginning at 7pm at the Southfield Centre for the Arts (24350 Southfield Road). This year's line up features five national performers from around the country: Rob Nash, Julie Goldman, Vickie Shaw, Lorne Newman, and Eddie Sarfati. This event is sponsored by Triangle Foundation, Pronto!, Between The Lines, Cruise Magazine, and Common Scents Flowers. Info. 313-537-3323, 248-547-5878 ▼

Women's Awards Reception Publicized

SACRAMENTO, CA - On March 11 the California Capital Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women held their fifth annual International Women's Day Awards Reception. The guest speaker was Nancy Wohlforth, a vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, and National Co-Chair of Pride at Work, the AFL-CIO constituency group that represents GLBT trade unionists. A reception was held at the Central Labor Council Hall (2840 El Centro Road). Info. 455-1396, 685-5523, gryall@jps.net ▼

Cherry Fund Gears Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. - This year's Cherry Blossom Festival will be held April 20-22 with events all over the city. The Cherry Fund will hold a dance starring DJs Alex Lautenstein, Manny Lehman, and Roland Belmores. Proceeds will benefit local non-profit organizations including Mautner Project for Lesbians With Cancer, Whitman-Walker Clinic AIDS Program, and Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation. Co-Chairman Pete Hahn hopes this year's event will be a community effort. "Our primary goal is to raise money for local and national organizations that many of us take for granted," he said. "But, it's also a chance to come together as a community and welcome

hundreds of gay out-of-towners to Washington for a weekend they won't forget." Info. 202-425-7656 ▼

Panel Files Complaint Against Judge

CHICAGO, IL - The state Judicial Inquiry Board issued an eight-count complaint against Cook County Judge Susan McDunn. She is charged with preventing two lesbian families from adopting children, disclosing confidential court papers to an anti-LGBT group in Washington D.C. and attempting to appoint members of the group as "secondary guardians," delaying adoption proceedings, improperly questioning the mothers about their sexual histories, and failing to grant motions to remove her from the cases. Same-sex couple adoption has been legal in Illinois since 1995. Info. 312-663-4413, lambdalegal.org ▼

Second Killing Renews Fears

WASHINGTON D.C. - The body of Benjamin Varner, 19, was found in his dorm room on the fourth floor of Cogswell Hall at Gallaudet University. This is the same hall where gay student Eric F. Plunkett, 19, was murdered on September 28. The school has about 2,000 deaf or hearing impaired students. Sergeant Joe C. Gentile said that Varner died of multiple stab wounds to the head and body. He had no suspects, motive, or evidence of a connection between the two murders. He suspects that a false fire alarm and a blue and black jacket found at the scene may provide information on the second killing. Info. 202-651-5050, gallaudet.edu ▼

AFA Leader Works To Reverse Civil Rights

MIDLAND, MI - Gary Glenn, Head of the American Family Association of Michigan (AFA), has taken on the mission of removing LGBT people from media, politics, and society for their own good, he claims. "Our position on homosexuality is the only position that exhibits true compassion for our fellow man," he said. He claims that homosexuality is unnatural and a threat to life, health, and Christian values. Glenn played a role in Traverse City's removal of rainbow unity stickers from their city vehicles and the defeat of several non-discrimination ordinances. Info. 313-537-3323, tri.org ▼

Catholic Student Beaten While Unconscious

HELENA, MT - A gay student at Carroll College withdrew from school fourteen days after being struck on the head with a bottle, knocked unconscious, then beaten in his dorm room. He was returning from the showers in Borromeo Hall early in the morning. The attack occurred January 17, but officials of the Roman Catholic college did not inform police or students for almost a month. The student, 22, could not identify his attackers. The school has withheld his name and details of the incident. Attackers also wrote "Die Fag" on his skin with a marker. Cuts on his eye resulting from the beating required surgery. Info. HeartStrong.org ▼

Community Battles Anti-Gay PAC

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - The local GLBT community has formed and filed a new political action committee. Calling themselves "Americans for Equality: Empower Broward, Political Action Committee," the group hopes to protect the rights of all citizens by supporting the Broward County Human Rights Ordinance. The group was formed in response to "Equal Rights, Anti-Gay PAC," a Presbyterian committee led by Coral Ridge Church and Dr. Paul Cameron. Cameron refers to GLBT people as "the enemy" and produced a video called *The Gay Agenda*. Info. 954-777-0966 t

DNC Chair Congratulates Treasurer

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) voted by acclamation to re-elect sitting DNC Treasurer Andrew Tobias at the Winter DNC meeting. He was elected to a four-year term. National Chair Terry McAuliffe, also newly elected, praised and congratulated Tobias. "Andy is a true leader in the Democratic Party and within the gay and lesbian community," he said. Tobias led the DNC in creating a Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council and speaks frequently on behalf of the party and its candidates. He is also the author of several books including *The Only Investment Guide You'll Ever Need*. Info. 202-863-8006 ▼

Famous Bulb Gardens Open

LISSE, HOLLAND - Keukenhof Gardens will be open from March 22 through May 24 allowing guests to browse their eighty acre park with millions of tulips, narcissi, and hyacinths. Zomerhof, the summer garden, will be open from August 2 through September 16 displaying begonias, dahlias, and lilies. The gardens contain more than seven million bulbs plus ancient trees, flowering shrubs, dunes, a dike, ponds, music garden, bike trail, art walk, and windmills. Last year, four acres were added featuring a Japanese garden and orchid exhibit. Info. 212-370-7360, GoHolland.com ▼

Transgender Task Force Created

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - Mayor Jeffrey Prang praised the city council for their unanimous vote to create a seven-member task force to identify and review issues important to the transgender community. The task force will report to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, assist in identifying policy strategies, and improve the quality of life for transgender persons. The Hate Crimes and Domestic Violence Specialist will serve as the staff coordinator. Prang said, "There are many complex issues facing transgender persons in our community and this task force is a first step in identifying public policy strategies to better serve the transgender community." Info. 323-848-6426 ▼

Support Retention of Enomoto

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Lambda Letters Project has asked supporters to write George W. Bush urging him to retain Jerry Enomoto as U.S. Marshall in the Eastern District of California. Enomoto was originally appointed by Bill Clinton in 1994 making him the first Asian Pacific Islander ever to become U.S. Marshall. He has managed to balance his district's budget despite a heavy crime rate and managed high visibility trials, such as the Unabomber, without negative results. Supporters believe frequently call him a "trailblazer" and believe he has the best relationship with the community. Info. Lambdalp@aol.com ▼

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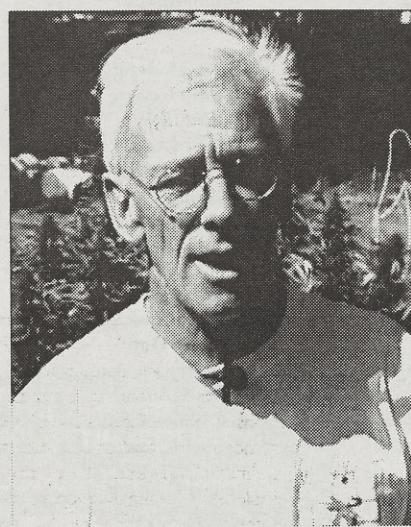
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In The Life Opens Doors To Mainstream Society



HIV-positive marijuana activist Dennis Peron will discuss his reasons for writing Proposition 215, an amendment passed in 1997 that decriminalizes marijuana use by those with terminal illnesses in California. Previously, people with AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, and wasting syndrome were arrested and sentenced for drug possession and distribution.

Sheila Alexander-Reid aims to bridge the gap between the African American and lesbian communities in "An Uncommon Woman." She publishes *Women In The Life* magazine and is active in the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, the Astraea Foundation, and Gay Leadership Forum.



NEW YORK CITY, NY — Correspondents Jonathan Capehart, Tanya Barfield, and Andy Humm join *In The Life* host Katherine Linton for a program focusing on people that challenge mainstream institutions. Appearing in the continuing "Out Artists" series are author Scott Heim, actor Marc Wolf, and DJ Susan Morabito.

"Artists Fight Censorship" focuses on Samantha Gellar, a Charlotte, North Carolina student whose play *Life versus the Paperback Romance* won a Young Playwright's Festival contest. However her work was not presented to high school students because of its lesbian content. Gellar, 17, found herself in the middle of a conflict involving her mentor Dorothy Allison, Holly Hughes, Lisa Kron, and The Public Theater in New York City.

Michele Kämmerer is one of few women firefighters in the nation, but she is probably the only transgender fire chief. She began her career as a heterosexual man, but now identifies as a lesbian woman. "Firefighter" will discuss some of her challenges, co-workers' reactions, and her thoughts on working in a traditionally male occupation. Kämmerer will give a tour of her station, Number 63, in Venice Beach.

"Parenting Comes Out" tackles some of the issues lesbian and gay couples with children face. The National Adoption Information Clearinghouse estimates that at least six million children are being raised in households headed by same-sex couples. Syndicated columnist Dan Savage and his partner, Terry Miller, discuss their choice to adopt their son D.J. Helen Mendoza and Pam Privett discuss their reasons for artificial insemination. Virginia Casper, author of *Gay Parents, Straight Schools: Building Communication and Trust*, is also interviewed. Info: 212-255-6012, InTheLifeTV.org

Patricia Barber Jazzes It Up

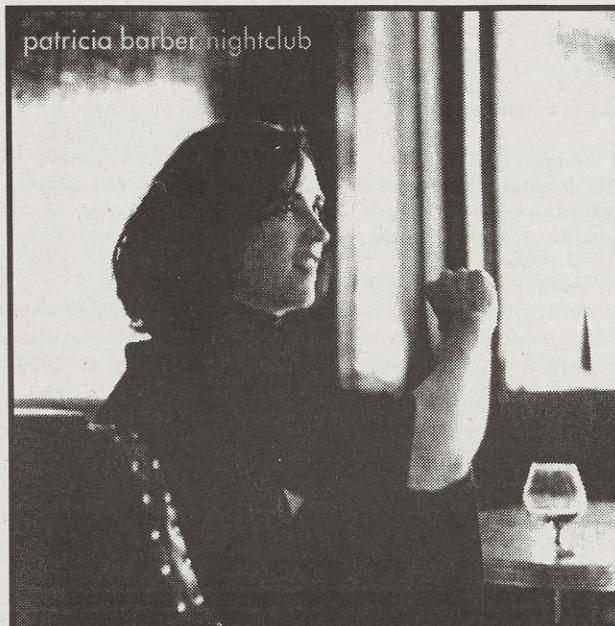
By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

Hailed as, "one of the most utterly individual jazz performers to arrive on the scene in years" by the *Los Angeles Times*, Patricia Barber plays a relaxed, hypnotic style of piano and sings with a smoky, well-enunciated tone.

When I first saw her perform late last year at Bimbo's 365 Club in North Beach, I had no idea how much passion and energy she'd put into her performance. Submitting totally to her mood, she swayed her body and her intonations. She had a way of hunching over the keyboard as if wiped out after a song. She was clearly entranced by her own music making, and so was the audience.

Her most recent album, *Nightclub*, contains a good sampling of her work, including the ever-popular "Autumn Leaves," "Summer Samba," "A Man and a Woman," and "All of Nothing at All." The tunes may be familiar, but their rhythm and harmonies won't be. Her take is original.

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HIV NEWSLINE

On The HIV Front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Firm announces cutting-edge policy...

One of the most significant corporate AIDS funding programs ever initiated was recently announced by Botswana's diamond mining giant Debswana, which says it would pay for anti-retroviral AIDS drugs for its workers. The company, which employs 6,000 people, is the world's largest source of diamonds, accounting for 80% of Botswana export earnings and 50% of government revenues. According to United Nations estimates, Botswana has the world's highest incidence of HIV infection, with an adult prevalence rate of 35.8%.

Virus initially attacks men harder than women...

Newly diagnosed men, compared to women at the same stage of infection, have much more virus in their blood, although the difference evens out over time, say researchers at Johns Hopkins University. The study of 156 male and 46 female injection drug users found that the newly diagnosed men had an average of 50,766 particles per milliliter, while the women averaged 15,103. The researchers note, however, that the finding will likely not change anyone's treatment regimen, because treatment recommendations just changed. Treatment guidelines previously recommended initiating treatment when HIV levels reached 20,000 particles per milliliter of blood plasma. The new guidelines advise postponing antiviral therapy until there are 55,000 particles per milliliter.

Meds availability conflict calls for resolution...

Late last year Brazil's leader in the fight against AIDS – an HIV-positive transsexual named Jacqueline Rocha – declared that she would authorize free distribution of generic AIDS drugs in Brazil when the patented versions were not available or affordable. She further noted that Brazil would post the formulas for the generic versions on their website to share with the world if a more practical response was not soon forthcoming from the drug manufacturers, a large number of them in the United States.

In Kenya, that country's health minister has applied to invoke a clause in World Trade Organization regulations written in 1997 that allows the by-pass of patent and trade rules in the event of a life-threatening catastrophe. Kenya says importing cheaper generic drugs is the only way to treat the nearly 3 million people in his country with HIV, since major

pharmaceutical companies, he says, are using their patent rights to set prices of drugs at a level above what African nations can afford. Recently, the world's major pharmaceutical companies filed a lawsuit in South Africa to overturn the 1997 law allowing that government to produce and import generic copies of patented drugs. The companies say that granting this authority to South Africa, together with the Brazilian government's defiance of patent protections, threatens the pharmaceutical industry's long-term health, and could impact their funding for intense and ongoing research to discover new meds to fight and treat HIV.

The Bush administration's response is that it will support President Clinton's decision to not impose sanctions against South Africa for bypassing the laws. However, it strongly encourages governments, international agencies, drug companies, and advocacy groups to work together to find a solution that protects commercial rights, respects international trade rules, and brings effective meds to those in all income situations.

In the meantime, Pfizer pharmaceuticals recently signed an unprecedented agreement with South Africa for free distribution for at least two years of Diflucan (used to treat AIDS-related fungal infections of the brain and throat). Over 95,000 bottles of Diflucan arrived in the country in early March.

Heroin use on upswing...

Heroin use is increasing in Baltimore, Atlanta, Boston, Newark, Miami, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Louis, and New Orleans, says a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in part because the street price of heroin has dropped. In Baltimore, for example, approximately 10% of the entire population is addicted to heroin. Health officials are working to define the best way to spend their funding dollars. Updated plans in Baltimore include a mobile needle exchange clinic, where users turn in dirty needles for clean ones and also receive condoms, bleach, and sterilized water. Heroin has long been a problem in Baltimore, which launched its first methadone treatment program in 1967. Nearly one-third of these folks are now infected with HIV, and 90% have hepatitis C.

Breakthrough procedure in trials...
Clinical trials of a new immune deficiency treatment could prove to be a breakthrough in the fight against HIV, say

Australian researchers. They plan to boost the number of infection fighting T-cells in bone marrow recipients, cancer patients, and folks with AIDS, explaining that the number of T-cells produced slows down with the onset of puberty, and their treatment will re-use the body's own hormone system to switch off the signaling from the brain that it's time to slow down T-cell production.

Cocktail with no PI shows promise...

Here's some news for those who have become resistant to the protease inhibitors (PIs) that make up most drug combinations to control HIV and AIDS. A 48-week study funded by Glaxo Wellcome shows that folks who had been taking a PI plus two nucleosides (NRTIs) did just as well by substituting the PI with another nucleoside called Ziagen

(Abacavir), thus using 3 NRTIs but no protease drugs. Volunteers in the test taking a regimen with the PI, as well as those taking a combo without the PI, were able to maintain a viral load of 400 or less. However, only those taking a PI were able to bring their numbers down near 50. The test specifically compared Crix/AZT/3TC to Ziagen/AZT/3TC. The fairly new Ziagen comes with a warning that, in rare cases, it can cause severe and sometimes fatal reactions. In this study, one volunteer died from an allergic reaction. The other 561 volunteers in both test groups had similar, usual side effects that many folks experience with their combos.

Other researchers commenting on the study said that while this may be a reasonable regimen to keep in reserve, it's important to give proper weight to the risk of allergic reaction that comes with Ziagen. ▼

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HEALTH

What's Feelings Got To Do With It?

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin
MGW Staff

During couples therapy, when I was practicing in Dallas, I would often hear a phrase that started out with "I feel..." followed by things like "that you are not listening to me" or "you should do dishes when I make dinner."

"That isn't a feeling," I would comment. "That's a thought." Many people, even after years of therapy and self-help, do not understand the basic difference between a feeling and a thought.

A feeling is something that

you experience in your body. A thought is a concept, notion, or opinion. When you feel something your heart may be pounding, your hands may be clammy, you may experience a heaviness in your chest, and so on.

Common feelings are: sad, angry, hurt, horny, frustrated, confused, and happy. More complex, and often harder to identify, feelings include aggravated, provoked, irked, exasperated, distressed, blue, flustered, and agitated.

Sometimes, it's difficult to distinguish between feelings. For example, there is a thin line between excitement and fear. Even more uncommon, but equally possible, is to feel two seemingly different feelings at the same time.

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When you say that you have "mixed feelings" about something, it implies that what you feel does not make sense. But when you examine the logic behind it, it can be perfectly rational. For example, graduating from college can feel thrilling, disappointing, and scary at the same time. It's a thrill to feel a sense of accomplishment, it is disappointing to leave friends and way of life behind, and scary because you may be uncertain about what comes next.

Conversely, two very different feelings can have the same physical sensations. A lump in your throat, heaviness in your chest, and breaking out in a cold sweat can occur when you are learning how to swim (feeling fear) and when you discover your partner is pregnant (feeling elated).

Perhaps the scariest, most confusing and difficult feelings emerge when you learn that you are LGBT. Many non-LGBT people erroneously assume that same-sex attraction is merely physical, not realizing that there is a huge emotional component to

same-gender love.

And coming to terms with your sexual orientation involves a myriad of often conflicting emotions. They sneak up on you. They swirl. They overwhelm. Fear. Dread. Relief. Shame. Loss. Worry. Freedom. Anger. Apprehension. Turmoil. Uneasiness. Mistrust. Guilt. Confusion. Joy. Acceptance. And that's just to name a few.

At some point, we all figure out how we are going to deal with these complex, contradictory emotions. No one is able to consistently express his or her feelings in a healthy way. At some point, all of us have had or are having trouble expressing feelings related to being LGBT.

So what do we do?

While many LGBT individuals have supportive, loving family and friends and come out without many problems, most of us start out by denying our same-sex attraction. You can rationalize away same-sex attraction or take drugs or drink in order to blot it out. In fact, people use

many ways to run away from their feelings.

Allowing yourself to feel your feelings - even if you can't easily label them - is critical to your well-being. Allowing yourself to feel and express emotions can give you the strength to not use drugs, alcohol, and/or food to cope with unpleasant emotions. It can give you a better mood, and alleviate depression and anxiety. Several studies show it can even lead to a better functioning immune system.

But dealing with feelings is a double-edged sword. We can all work to become better at expressing emotions and, at the same time, rely less on not dealing well with them. The other side, however, is to realize that you will never ever be perfect at feeling and expressing emotions. It is to recognize your humanity and that you aren't perfect and never will be. Some brokenness or imperfection is even part of life.

And becoming comfortable with that imperfect side of ourselves is not easy. It involves tolerating some very unpleasant emotions. The good news is that once you become comfortable in expressing emotions and with your inability to attain complete emotional maturity, you are on the road to being fully human and capable of loving yourself and others.

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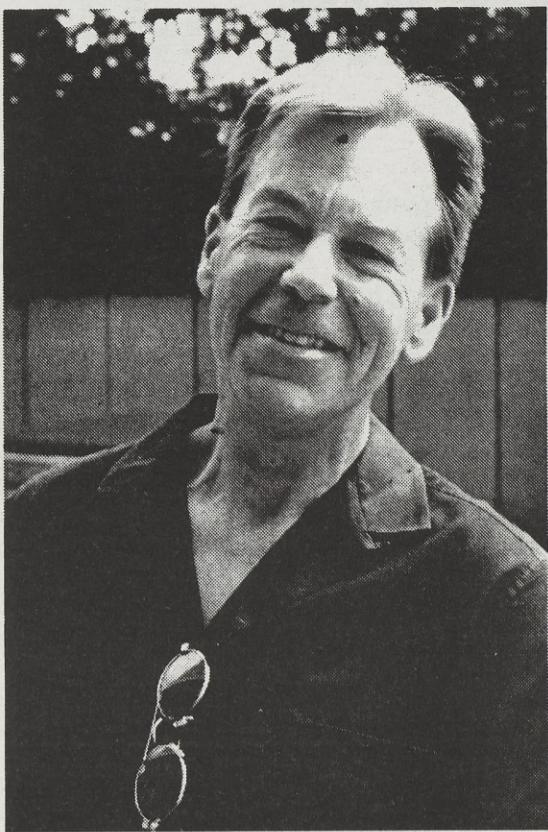
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John R. Wagner, Junior

John Wagner, a lover of books and art and a respected leader and mentor in the field of chemical dependency died on Thursday, February 22 at 8:45pm. He was 55 years old. John lost his battle with cancer with grace, dignity, and a sense of humor. He was surrounded by family and friends during the past several weeks of his life and died peacefully at home. John was born in San Francisco on March 3, 1945, the son of John R. Wagner Sr. and Muriel Wagner (Dodsworth). He attended Lowell High School in San Francisco and received his undergraduate degree at the University of San Francisco and his Masters Degree from California State University at Hayward.

John's life and career were intertwined with his commitment to remain clean and sober and to assist others in coping with the disease of addiction. Over his twenty-five year career, he counseled and mentored countless people seeking a life of sobriety as well as the many families affected by the addict. He worked at numerous Chemical Dependency Programs throughout California including El Camino, O'Conner, Pomona Valley, and Merritt-Peralta Hospitals, Managed Health Network (formerly Occupational Health Services), and Horizon Services. His role in the field ranged from Counselor, Program Director, Director of Industrial Outreach, to Management Consultant. He taught at Cal State Hayward and had been Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of the California Association of Drinking Driver Treatment Programs. He was also Vice Chairperson of the DUI Advisory

Board to the State of California's Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

John and his partner Dennis Gunvalson, shared homes in Sacramento and San Francisco for the past nine years of their eleven-year relationship. He was a voracious reader and lover of film, theater, and art. He was a supporter of local organizations including Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Lambda Players Sacramento Public Library, and Homeward Bound (formerly Golden Retriever Rescue). For a number of years he volunteered with at the Sacramento AIDS walk and Christmas Promise, in which he helped deliver gifts to needy families on Christmas Eve. He was also a regular contributor to San Francisco organizations including The James Hormel Center at the San Francisco Public Library, The Center (San Francisco's soon to be opened LGBT community center), and the American Conservatory Theater.

In addition to his partner Dennis, John is survived by his brother George and his wife Pat, and their three children, George Jr., Mike, and Andrea. He is also survived by a large, loving extended family.

John's memorial celebration was held on Friday, March 2, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in San Francisco. The Sacramento Men's Chorus sang at a beautiful memorial celebration with an abundance of flowers, music, and birthday cake to celebrate John's birthday. He would have been 56 years-old on Saturday March 3. Donations can be made in memory of John to New Leaf (1853 Market Street, San Francisco) or Intercounty Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (1540 Market Street Suite 150, San Francisco). ▼

Annual ComedyFest Reported

SOUTHFIELD, MI - The fifth annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay ComedyFest will happen Saturday, March 17 beginning at 7pm at the Southfield Centre for the Arts (24350 Southfield Road). This year's line up features five national performers from around the country: Rob Nash, Julie Goldman, Vickie Shaw, Lorne Newman, and Eddie Sarfaty. This event is sponsored by Triangle Foundation, Pronto!, Between The Lines, Cruise Magazine, and Common Scents Flowers. Info. 313-537-3323, 248-547-5878 ▼

Women's Awards Reception Publicized

SACRAMENTO, CA - On Sunday, March 11 at 2pm California Capital Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women will hold their fifth annual International Women's Day Awards Reception. The guest speaker will be Nancy Wohlforth, a vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, and National Co-Chair of Pride at Work, the AFL-CIO constituency group that represents GLBT trade unionists. The reception will be at the Central Labor Council Hall (2840 El Centro Road). Info. 455-1396, 685-5523, gryall@jps.net ▼

Cherry Fund Gears UP

WASHINGTON, D.C. - This year's Cherry Blossom Festival will be held April 20-22 with events all over the city. The Cherry Fund will hold a dance starring DJs Alex Lauterstein, Manny Lehman, and Roland Belmares. Proceeds will benefit local non-profit organizations including Mautner Project for Lesbians With Cancer, Whitman-Walker Clinic AIDS Program, and Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation. Co-Chairman Pete Hahn hopes this year's event will be a community effort. "Our primary goal is to raise money for local and national organizations that many of us take for granted," he said. "But, it's also a chance to come together as a community and welcome hundreds of gay out-of-towners to Washington for a weekend they won't forget." Info. 202-425-7656 ▼

Panel Files Complaint Against Judge

CHICAGO, IL - The state Judicial Inquiry Board issued an eight-count complaint against Cook County Judge Susan McDunn. She is charged with preventing two lesbian families from adopting children, disclosing confidential court papers to an anti-LGBT group in Washington D.C. and attempting to appoint members of the group as "secondary guardians,"

delaying adoption proceedings, improperly questioning the mothers about their sexual histories, and failing to grant motions to remove her from the cases. Same-sex couple adoption has been legal in Illinois since 1995. Info. 312-663-4413, lambdalegal.org ▼

Second Killing Renews Fears

WASHINGTON D.C. - The body of Benjamin Varner, 19, was found in his dorm room on the fourth floor of Cogswell Hall at Gallaudet University. This is the same hall where gay student Eric F. Plunkett, 19, was murdered on September 28. The school has about 2,000 deaf or hearing impaired students. Sergeant Joe C. Gentile said that Varner died of multiple stab wounds to the head and body. He had no suspects, motive, or evidence of a connection between the two murders. He suspects that a false fire alarm and blue and black jacket found at the scene may provide information on the second killing. Info. 202-651-5050, gallaudet.edu ▼

AFA Leader Works To Reverse Civil Rights

MIDLAND, MI - Gary Glenn, Head of the American Family Association of Michigan (AFA), has taken on the mission of removing LGBT people from media, politics, and society for their own good, he claims. "Our position on homosexuality is the only position that exhibits true compassion for our fellow man," he said. He claims that homosexuality is unnatural and a threat to life, health, and Christian values. Glenn played a role in Traverse City's removal of rainbow unity stickers from their city vehicles and the defeat of several non-discrimination ordinances. Info. 989-777-0966 ▼

Catholic Student Beaten While Unconscious

HELENA, MT - A gay student at Carroll College has withdrawn from school fourteen days after being struck on the head with a bottle, knocked unconscious, then beaten in his dorm room. He was returning from the showers in Borromeo Hall early in the morning. The attack occurred January 17, but officials of the Roman Catholic college did not inform police or students for almost a month. The student, 22, could not identify his attackers. The school has withheld his name and details of the incident. Attackers also wrote "Die Fag" on his skin with a marker. Cuts on his eye resulting from the beating required surgery. Info. HeartStrong.org ▼

Community Battles Anti-Gay PAC

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - The local GLBT community has formed and filed a new political action committee. Calling themselves "Americans for Equality: Empower Broward, Political Action Committee," the group hopes to protect the rights of all citizens by supporting the Broward County Human Rights Ordinance. The group was formed in response to "Equal Rights, Anti-Gay PAC," a Presbyterian committee led by Coral Ridge Church and Dr. Paul Cameron. Cameron refers to GLBT people as "the enemy" and produced a video called *The Gay Agenda*. Info. 954-777-0966 ▼

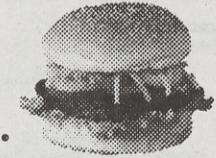
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RUSSIAN RIVER PIANO BAR & COMEDY NIGHT, with Momi Starr, 7pm, 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-41-RESORT

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SATURDAY

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY, suicide prevention crisis line training, 9am, call for location, 368-3118
FRONTRUNNERS & FRONTWALKERS FUN RUN, 9am, CSUS Guy West Bridge, 974-8199
LION'S ROAR MANDALA, Meditation Retreat on Buddhist Goddess of Compassion, 9:30am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 448-9184
MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Lucky Charms Saint Patrick dance, 8pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd. Ste. 3, 649-2569
MUSIC CIRCUS BOYS AUDITIONS, 10am, 1510 J St. Ste. 200, 448-1239

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SUNDAY

CA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, "Governor's Own" 59th Army Band, 2pm, Jesuit High School Gymnasium, 1200 Jacob Ln., Carm., 262-2105
GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Fairy Falls Day Hike, 421-6209
MUSIC CIRCUS GIRLS AUDITIONS, 10am, 1510 J St. Ste. 200, 448-1239
PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, 9am, 7700 Center Pkwy., 429-8315
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY, speaker Dr. Laurens Gunnarsen, 4pm, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 448-9373

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MONDAY

CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664
FRONTRUNNERS & FRONTWALKERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park, Alhambra & E St., 974-8199
HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546
MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, performance artist SK Thoth, 7pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd. Ste. 3, 929-7896, skthoth.com
PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, 9am, 7700 Center Pkwy., 429-8315

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TUESDAY

AMERICAN PLACE MEATOUT, pledge to eat more humanely, 800-MEATOUT, meatout.org
MUSIC CIRCUS SINGERS & ACTORS AUDITIONS, thru March 22, 6pm, 1510 J St. Ste. 200, 448-1239
NATL/HIV/AIDS UPDATE CONFERENCE, HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care: Translating Progress into Practice conference, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, SF, 514-874-1998, nra.org
PFLAG MEETING, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410
SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 454-9845

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

AMERICAN RIVER THEATRE; A Midsummer Night's Dream, Apr. 20-29, Jack and the Giant, May; 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234
ARDEN PLAYHOUSE; The Amorous Ambassador, thru Apr. 7; 2120 Royale Rd., 927-0942
CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATRE; Fosse, May 19; Annie Get Your Gun, June 5-10; The Music Man, July 9-15; Into The Woods, July 16-22; Mame, July 23-29; Annie, July 30-Aug. 5; My Fair Lady, Aug. 6-12; Fiddler on the Roof, Aug. 13-19; Show Boat, Aug. 20-26; Wells Fargo Pavilion, 1419 H St., 557-1999, 446-5880
CALIFORNIA WIND ORCHESTRA; Pipedreams, Mar. 31; Courtly Dances, Apr. 28; call for location, 498-2576
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; Finzi, Schloenber, & Respighi, March 31; Musgrave, Prokofiev, & Brahms, June 2; 900 Howe Ave., 2nd Floor, 929-6655
CASTRO THEATRE; Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, Apr. 26, June 29-July 7; 429 Castro St., 510-601-TWEB, 415-621-6120
CHAUTAUQUA CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE; Gnome Sweet Gnome, thru April 7; The Fat Cat, April 28-May 26; 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7259
CHAUTAUQUA PLAYHOUSE; This Day And Age, thru April 7; The Diary Of Anne Frank, April 20-May 26; 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7259
CITY THEATRE; A Piece Of My Heart, thru March 24; The Importance Of Being Earnest, Apr. 20-May 19; 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228
THE CREST THEATRE; Spill & Mike Classic Festival of Animation, March 15-18; The Sammies, March 28; Marianne Williamson, Apr. 18; Leo Kotke, May 4; This Valley, May 19; 1013 K St., 442-7378, thecrest.com
CURRAN THEATRE; Contact, May 15-June 24; 445 Geary, SF, 415-512-7770
CSUS; Dale Scholl Dance "Hot Guitar, Cool Dance," thru March 17; Spunk, thru March 18; Dream of a Common Language, March 29-Apr. 7; 6000 J St., 278-6156
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY; Sylvio, thru Apr. 8; Fair Use, May 1-27; Resident Alien, June 14-Aug. 19; The Comedy of Errors & The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Aug. 31-Sept. 23; Wait Until Dark, Sept. 27-Oct. 28; The Secret Garden, Nov. 15-Dec. 30; location varies, 530-265-9320, 888-730-8587
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; Move Over Mrs. Markham, thru Apr. 29; Swingtime Canteen, May 4-June 24; Whodunit?, July 20-Sept. 2; The Fontsticks, Sept. 7-Oct. 28; Forever Plaid, opens Nov. 20; Hwy 50 at Hazel Ave., 985-6361
THE LAMBDA PLAYERS; Openings, March 30-Apr. 28; Lesbian Laugh Fest, May 12; Beautiful Thing, June 15-30; location varies, 484-4742
LIGHT OPERA OF SACRAMENTO; Gondoliers, thru March 19; 24th Street Theater, 2791 24th St., 978-5800
MAGIC THEATRE; House Of Luck, March 30-Apr. 29; Bldg. D Ft. Mason Center, SF, 415-541-8822
MAIN STREET THEATRE WORKS; Chicago, thru March 31; The Road To Mecca, May 4-June 2; Stage Fright, Sept. 7-Oct. 6; The Taming of the Shrew, Nov. 2-Dec. 1; Sutter Creek Theatre, 44 Main St., 209-267-5680
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; STOMP, thru March 31; 609 Sutter 58401 Center Pkwy., 691-7199, SF, 877-771-6900
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY; Zulli Bailey, Apr. 1-3; various locations, 707-226-8742
ORCHESTRA OF ST. CECILIA; Corey Croyover, Apr. 7; Jakub-Jerzy Omsky, Apr. 7; Carla Trinchuk, Nov. 18; First United Methodist Church, 989-9789
ORPHEUM THEATRE; Saturday Night Fever - The Musical, Apr. 10-May 6; 1192 Market St. SF, 415-551-2000
PAMELA TROJANSKI DANCE THEATRE; Out of Context, Into & Beyond, Apr. 5-7; Veteran Memorial Theater, 203 14th St., Davis, 530-756-3949
PEGASUS THEATRE COMPANY; Marvin's Room, March 23 - Apr. 28; Pegasos Hall, 20347 Hwy. 116, Monte Rio, 707-522-9043
RIVER STAGE; The Chicago Conspiracy Trial, March 17-Apr. 22; How I Learned To Drive, July 7-22; Los Rios Community College District, 8401 Center Pkwy., 691-7364
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT; Scott Kennedy, March 24; Bob Smith; March 31; 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-41-RESORT
SACRAMENTO BALLET COMPANY; Golden Age of Ballet Russes: Rite of Spring, Apollo, Aurora's Wedding, March 29-Apr. 1; New Works Series: Modern Masters at CSUS, May 3-6; Community Center Theatre, 1631 K St., 552-5800
SACRAMENTO MASTER SINGERS; Reflections of Light, Apr. 28-29; First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St., 338-0300
SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS; Broadway Bent, March 25-31; Jean Runyon Little Theater, Soc. Memorial Auditorium, 1500 J St., 264-5181
SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY; The Millennium Monologues, thru Apr. 8; Sheding The Tiger, thru April 1; We Are Family, April 17-May 13; 1419 H St., 443-6722
SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ; Avishai Cohen Quintet and Matt Small's Crushing Spiral Ensemble, March 31; Avishai Cohen Quintet, Apr. 1; Joshua Redman Quartet and Russell Gunn's Ethnomusicology, Apr. 1; Geri Allen, Apr. 20; Marcus Roberts, Apr. 21-22; Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Apr. 22; Ray Brown Trio and Christian McBride Band, May 25; Dave Holland Quintet and Mingus Amungus, May 26; Mingus Amungus, May 27; Joshua Redman and Christian McBride Duo, May 27; location varies, 415-398-5655, www.sjazz.org
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; Rigoletto, Apr. 19; Arshak II (Arsace II), Sept. 8-30; Samson Et Dalila, Sept. 22-Oct. 14; Die Meistersinger Von Nurnberg, Oct. 10-28; Tosca, Oct. 23-Jan. 20; Falstaff, Nov. 1-24; Jenifa, Nov. 19-Dec. 9; The Merry Widow, Nov. 27-Jan. 19; Carmen, June 8-July 6; Madama Butterfly, June 9-July 5; Giulio Cesare, June 19-July 7; War Memorial Opera House, 455 Franklin St., SF, 415-861-3330, www.sopera.com
STAGEWRIGHT PRESENTATIONS; Damien of Moloka'i, thru March 24; William J. Geery Theater, 2130 L St., 553-6838
THE STUDIOTHEATRE; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing, 8pm; 1028 R St., 446-2668
THEATER ARTAUD; Shut Up and Love Me, March 15-24; 450 Florida St., 415-621-7797
UC DAVIS PRESENTS; National Orchestra of Spain with Pepe Romero, March 23; New Shanghai Circus, March 24; Joe Goode Performance Group, March 31; The Frook Tiro, Apr. 5; Mark Morris Dance Group, Apr. 11; Poco de Lucia & Septet, Apr. 12; Carnegie Hall Jazz Band with Jon Faddis, Apr. 23; Cornel West; Scholar And Activist, Apr. 25; Mapapa African Acrobats, Apr. 29; Wycliffe Gordon Quartet, May 11; The Saint Lawrence String Quartet, May 17; Afro-Cuban All Stars, June 7; location varies, 530-757-3199
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; Two by Two, March 23-Apr. 14; Foxfire, May 25-June 16; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

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SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847
STOP FITAA TEACH-IN, 7pm, La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 415-504-8254, stopftaa.org
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 452-3909

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WEDNESDAY

CENTRAL LIBRARY, speaker Patricia Canterbury, Women of Mystery book discussion series, 7pm, 8281 St., 264-2752

CSUS QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, 1:30pm, University Union Miwok Rm., csusqsa@yahoo.com

DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS VOCALIZING AFFIRMATIVELY REHEARSAL, 7pm, United Methodist Church, 1620 Anderson Rd., Davis, c_kinnojo@yahoo.com

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, literary ice cream social, 6:30pm, call for location, 451-7191

FRONTRUNNERS & FRONTWALKERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park, Alhambra & E St., 974-8199

LAMBDA CENTER BOARD MEETING, 6pm, 1927 L St., 442-0185

WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

WOMEN CONNECTING SUPPORT GROUP, call for location, 723-7849

YWCA SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN, 6pm, 1122 17th St., 264-8080

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THURSDAY

ALL OUR FAMILIES COALITION, Putting a Face on Lesbian and Gay Families workshop, 7pm, Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St., SF, 415-681-1960

NABISCO CLASSIC/DINAH SHORE LPGA TOURNAMENT, thru March 25, Palm Springs, 415-648-2464

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FRIDAY

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SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER; Aspiring Artists Debut, thru March 25; Viewpoints: W.A.S.H.! Annual Membership Exhibition, March 27 - Apr. 14; 5330-B Gibbons Drive, 917-3713, sf@cwnef.com

SAN FRANCISCO MOMA; Bouquets to Art, thru March 23; The Visual Art of John Cage: To Sober and Quiet the Mind, thru April 15; Prints in Bloom, May 13; Sol LeWitt: A Retrospective, thru May 21; Rachael Neubauer & Kathryn Von Dyke, July 12; Native to the Land: Photography and the North American Indian, 1870-1930, thru June 12; 01010: Art In Technological Times, thru July 8; After the War: European Artists' Books, 1945-1955, thru July 8; Points of Departure: Connecting with Contemporary Art, March 23-Sept. 16; Revelatory Landscapes, May 5-Oct. 14 151 Third St., SF, 415-357-4000

SECOND SATURDAY ART WALKS; Most galleries, April 14; 929-7896

SOLOMAN DUBNICK GALLERY; Richard Dunning & C.W. Hunt, thru March 31; Group Show, April 5-May 5; 2131 Nothrop Ave., 920-4547

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC; Queer Art: Constructions of Gay and Lesbian Identity, thru March 22; Richard Reynolds Gallery, Jeannette Powell Art Center, Stockton, 209-946-3103, msclelier@uop.edu

URBAN HERBALIST; Mike Ward, thru March 31; 1731 L St., 441-HERB

VIEWPOINT GALLERY; Gordon Hutchings, thru April 13; Fine Print Auction and Drawing, June 2; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

Art Galleries

THE ART FOUNDRY GALLERY; Ronnie Johnson, thru Apr. 6; Mel Smothers, Fernando Reyes, & Vicki Asp, thru Apr. 7; 1021 R St., 444-2787

BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Face of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, And Southeast Asia, thru 2003; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208

CALIFORNIA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Toulouse-Lautrec and the Spirit of Montmartre: Cabarets, Humor, and the Avant Garde 1875-1905, thru May 27; Lincoln Park, SF, 415-750-3620

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM; Must Women Wear Trousers?: Women's Struggle in the Railroad Workplace, thru March 31; 1111 St., 445-6645

CHROMA GALLERY; Spring Rainbows, thru Apr. 8; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., 966-6020

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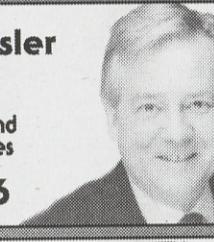
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